

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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AWARDING OF OIL EXPLORATION BLOCKS TO PRIVATE COMPANY

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have awarded oil exploration/development blocks to any private company;
- (b) if so, the names of those private companies; and
- (c) the details of the blocks awarded to these companies for oil exploration or development?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (Shri Saswsntosh Kumar Gangwar)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Since 1991 upto 2001, the Government have signed contracts with private companies either singly or in consortium with National Oil Companies/other private companies in respect of 48 exploration blocks situated in onland, offshore and deepwater areas and of 27 discovered fields in onland and offshore areas in the country. The names of these private companies are given in Annexure.